

Myerstown United Church of Christ

Second Sunday After the Epiphany

January 19, 2020

Worship Time 10:00 am

Traditional Service of the Word

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Prelude *How Great Thou Art* Dan Miller

Silent Preparation for Worship

God of Isaiah, you are our God, too. You spoke to the prophets, and your message did not end with them. There is still work to be done, and we desire to hear your call afresh during our worship this day. Help us joyfully claim our role as your beloved servants, knowing that you provide all that we need to do our work.

Welcome & Announcements

(will all who are able, please stand)

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

*Call to Worship [Leader/All] from Psalm 40

I waited patiently for the Lord;

He inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog,

And set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth,

A song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are those who make the Lord their trust.

You have multiplied, O Lord my God, your wondrous deeds

And your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.

*Response #69 *I Worship You, Almighty God*

*Invocation

Let pray as one.

Distinctive God, truly there is none like you or your son, Jesus. You sent him to be the light of the world, so that all may know the brightness of

your love. Fill us with your grace this day that we too may bear witness to his light and serve your coming reign. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn #72 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* FAITHFULNESS

(the congregation may be seated)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

A Time With Children

Scripture

A Reading from the Old Testament

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

[will those who are able please stand for the reading of the Gospel]

*A Reading from the Gospels John 1:35-42

Hear the good news of Jesus Christ as recorded in the gospel according to John, chapter 1, verses 35 through 42.

Praise be to you, O Christ.

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

This is where the lesson ends. It is the gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 245 *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* PLEADING SAVIOR
[verse 1 only]
[please remain standing for the Prayer for Illumination]

*Prayer for Illumination
[the congregation may be seated]

Homily *Questions & Questions*

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn # 241 *When Jesus Came to Jordan* MUNICH
[verse 1 only]

Service of Healing

Greeting & Preparation

Reading of Scripture James 5:13-16

If any of you are suffering, they should pray. If any of you are happy, they should sing. If any of you are sick, they should call for the elders of the church, and the elders should pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. Prayer that comes from faith will heal the sick, for the Lord will restore them to health. And if they have sinned, they will be forgiven. For

this reason, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous person is powerful in what it can achieve.

Confession of Sin

Call to Confession

Silent Confession

Prayer of Confession

Let us ask God for the forgiveness we need.

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Cast us not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

Reaffirmation of Faith

Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

I do.

Assurance of Pardon

God's love for us is shown in this:

While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Amen.

Anthem *We Come to You for Healing, Lord* Ruth E. Schram
 Jen Blystone, Violin

Thanksgiving Over Oil

Congregational Singing During the Anointing & Laying on of Hands

[When the congregation begins to sing, those who would like to be anointed shall come forward and receive the oil and laying on of hand. Then proceed left or right for intercessory prayer.]

Hymn #636 *Heal Me, Hands of Jesus* SOUTHWELL

Hymn #631 *There Is a Balm in Gilead* BALM IN GILEAD

Order for Anointing & Laying on of Hands

Act of Anointing

Laying on of Hands
Prayers of Intercession
Prayer of Our Savior

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Invitation

Offertory

Johannes Brahms

Blessed Are They Who Live in Faith Unswerving

*Response #634 *Jesus Hands Were Kind Hands* AU CLAIR DE LA LUNE
[verse 1 only]

*Blessing

Let us pray in unison.

May these gifts we offer, God of new ways, bring comfort to those who grieve; hope to those who live on the streets of despair; peace to all the broken places; and grace to all who long to draw closer to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

WE TAKE GOD'S WORD INTO THE COMMUNITY

*Sending Forth

Listen up, everyone! God has given us work to do.

God has called each of us before we were even born.

It was God who named us.

It is God who claims us.

The light of God's love shines in us.

Let's shine God's love into all the world!

*Benediction

*Recessional #496 *Leaning On the Everlasting Arms* SHOWALTER

*Personal Meditation

Postlude

Recessional on "Azmon"

Ronald Good

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Worship Assistants for January 26, 2020

8:00 am Service

Greeters: Nancy Weaber

Open Church: Fritz Firestine

Worship Leader: Sally Kulp

10:00 am Service

Greeters: Terry & Suzie Schott

Liturgist & Lector: Kristi Fields, Darryl Brown

Ushers: Ed & Candy Hibshman, Terry & Suzie Schott, Kenny Patrick

Counting Team: Ed & Candy Hibshman, Terry & Suzie Schott

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Prayer List

Nancy Brown	Rosene Duffy	Suzanne Fritsch
Steve Norford	James Haines	Linda Herr
Ellen Goodyear	Ruthann Snoke	Bill Gracely
Ralph Woynarowski	Jewel Fessler	Linda Feaser
Rosalla Hollenbach	Joanne Frantz	Heather & Elvin Perez
	Grace Brightbill	

Announcements

WELCOMING PASTOR PAUL-PART A: In order to make it as comfortable as we can for Pastor Paul to get to know us, we are going to make a picture-directory for him. Following both services this morning, we ask everyone to come to the Gathering Area and have your picture taken.

WELCOMING PASTOR PAUL-PART B: So that Pastor Paul can connect with us better on a Sunday morning, we are revitalizing the around-the-neck name tags. This way he will be able to see our names and faces together. His first Sunday with us is February 8th.

BIRTHDAY RECOGNITION in the Vineyard is coming back by popular demand. While you are waiting to have your picture taken, please look at the "Birthday

Clipboard.” Only people who add the birthdate to this list will be included. We must have the month, day and year. While adding your birthday, please check and correct the other information.

ANointing & PRAYER PROCESS: When the invitation to come forward for anointing is made, please use the center aisle. You will receive the oil and laying on of hands at the front of the center aisle and then proceed to the prayer team near the side aisle. You will return to your seats via the side aisle. The ushers will not be inviting participation as they do during a communion service.

FOUR CHAPLAIN’S RUN and walk will be held on Saturday, February 1st. This is the seventh annual event and is held at Evangelical Seminary, 121 S College St, Myerstown. Registration for both the 4 mile and 1.5 mile run/walks can be made on the Internet at www.evangelical.edu or at 9:00 am on site. The event begins at 10:00. All proceeds support tuition for military chaplain students. Some of the people in the Chaplain’s ministry program at the seminary are from the UCC.

ARE YOU WILLING TO HELP GROW OUR CHURCH? The Children and Youth Ministry Team is excited to announce growth and new opportunities to rebuild our ministries for young people. Curriculum has been ordered for a new class which will involve preschool students (ages 3, 4, and 5). We are looking for volunteers to help with this class beginning ASAP. Our youth are already volunteering to be teachers/helpers; it would be wonderful to have an adult to oversee these young people. You can sign-up for one week or as many as you like! Our Primary Class (K – 2nd grade) will continue to be taught by a rotation of Marcia Bicher with Jackie Shaak helping and Stephanie Bohannon with youth helpers. Our Middler Class (Grades 3 – 6) will continue to be taught by Ellen Goodyear. Confirmed youth have received an email asking for their help to make this a success. The goal is to create a new class for the youth beginning in Fall 2020. If you are willing to be part of this growing opportunity, please sign-up on the Information Counter or contact the church office or Emily Frantz for an email link.

NURSERY ATTENDANTS NEEDED: The nursery will be reopening January 25, 2020. Following the children’s sermon, the nursery attendants will take the children downstairs to have supervised play time for the remainder of worship. Our youth are already signing up to be helpers for this ministry! If you are willing to assist, please sign-up on the Information Counter or contact the church office or Emily Frantz for an email link.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: Each family should have received a booklet this morning containing devotional materials to be used this week as a resource in remembering “that they all may be one.”

Welcome to Myerstown United Church of Christ

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Worship Assistants

Appreciation to the following who participated in today’s service:

Organist Mark Herr

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Greeter: Lindy Bennetch **Worship Leader:** Wanda Rabold

Service of Healing Assistants: Wanda Rabold, Jackie Shaak

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Worship Leaders Steve & Marianne Fritsch

Service of Healing Assistants: Suzie Wartluft, Darryl Brown, Kristi Fields
 Suzie Schott, Carolyn & Charlie Williams

Ushers Kory & Ryan Leppo, Bob Dash, Kenny Patrick

Counting Team Lois Werner, Kathy Grose, Sally Kulp

Stewardship Report for Sunday, January 12, 2020

General Fund	\$4,095.24	OCWM	\$280
Church Improvement	\$470	Food Bank	\$160
Attendance 8 am:	11	Attendance 10 am:	61